

OIL IN OREGON.

For many years Oregon has been selling its rich, thick milk at 25 cents a gallon and paying 25 cents a gallon for thin coal oil.

The train loads and ship loads of coal oil that has been brought into Oregon would make a grand illumination, and the cash paid for it and taken out of the state would make many men millionaires.

Now Oregon in making an effort to keep this cash at home. Men who have studied the situation and are well posted on oil and oil fields have begun boring east from Portland, and claim that the prospects are very encouraging.

They seem to be arranging matters very judiciously, and say that if they only strike poor petroleum, as is the case with the great well in Texas, they can sell it all to the railroad companies for fuel.

In California the oil industry has had a wonderful development, and promises to yield the state as much wealth as did its great gold mines. The Southern Pacific Co. is arranging its great army of locomotives so as to use oil for fuel, and as the oil is produced at small expense, the profits in the business must be immense.

In Eastern Oregon, along the western spur of the Blue mountains indications of oil have been noticed for years, but no attempt has ever been made at development.

At the head of Rhea and Willow creeks, about 18 miles from Heppner, stray streaks of coal have been found, and some of it taken from the surface in Willow creek basin by D. A. Herren seemed so full of natural gas or oil that it twisted out of shape the stove he burned it in.

At the Matteson and Maddock mines there are undeniable indications of coal and its close cousins, gas and oil, and over beyond Butter creek coal has been taken out. On Dr. Swinburne's ranch 15 miles from Heppner, Jos. Cannon dug a well and was driven out by gas. He said that the fumes were so strong at the top of the well that he could ignite them with a match.

Prospects are good for Morrow county some day producing its own oil and perhaps providing for its neighbors, and expert prospectors who are searching for promising fields should come this way and give this region a trial.

COME AND SEE.

Many homeseekers are dipping into Hood River and buying lands at from \$10 to \$200 an acre. It costs \$10 to \$40 an acre to clear the timber off some of these lands. A 6-acre orchard started there 9 years ago yielded \$250 the past season.

Home-builders could certainly do better than that in Morrow county by buying \$5-an-acre land and mixing farming and the raising of good, salable stock. On the plateau, bench and foothill lands of Morrow county nature has already done the clearing, and there is not a single stump to impede the plow. On the other hand, if a man wants a timbered ranch, Morrow has ten townships of them, almost all vacant government land, and on many of them the timber is so open that clearing is very easily done.

Down near Moro, in Sherman county, T. S. Coe, just in from Iowa, has bought 160 acres from J. C. Coy for \$2500.

He could have bought just as good a place in Morrow county for \$800 to \$1000.

G. W. Wells, who is well posted on Morrow county lands, says that many places in Morrow county were snapped up this winter at \$2 to \$3 an acre, but that such places are now all sold, and that the \$5-an-acre places are receiving attention. He knows of several cases in Morrow county where men made back the purchase price of their ranches with one crop.

For low-priced lands certainly Morrow county offers the homeseeker great inducements.

Come and see.

THE COUNTY'S FRIENDS. If, in the not distant future, the merchants of Morrow county find that their business has more than doubled up, and that there are twice as many taxpayers on the roll as now, they can afford to give considerable credit for the change to Otis Patterson, receiver of the U. S. district land office at The Dalles, and Jay P. Lucas, receiver.

These gentlemen receive many letters from many people who are coming to seek homes in the Pacific Northwest, and to all of them they send printed descriptions of Morrow county and the rest of The Dalles land district, giving information about government lands and the price of deeded lands, etc.

In this way they will attract many good people to Eastern Oregon and Morrow county, and as they are pioneers of the region, information they give is always reliable and based on actual conditions.

When land-owners find the selling values of their lands vastly increased and their neighbors much closer, they will find that Otis Patterson and Jay Lucas deserve much credit for the changed conditions.

Morrow county has room for workers, but none for drones. It can support double its present population. If you are in the middle west, sell your cyclone cellar and come here.

TIMBER WEALTH.

Eastern Oregon has some vast stretches of timber, which will soon begin to be appreciated, and Morrow county has a fair share of it.

The species of timber indigenous to Eastern and Central Oregon are yellow pine, fir and tansack. Oregon yellow pine is a good marketable lumber. The logs at the mills will average from 200 to 250 feet. Yellow pine forms nearly 90 per cent of the forests of Eastern Oregon. Yellow pine is a good, strong, serviceable lumber, makes a handsome inside finish, and as an all-around building material is valuable. The mills on the railroads find a market as far east as Colorado and Nebraska. The manufacture of railroad ties consumes a large percentage of the output.

The fir of Eastern Oregon grows much smaller than along the coast. The bark is less coarse and thinner, and the percentage of clear is necessarily less.

Lodge pole pine is a species of black pine, and derives its name on account of its straight, long slender habits of growth and forms the principal fuel timber of Eastern Oregon. Thousands of cords of this wood are converted annually into cord wood. The young trees form long, straight poles, which are utilized for building purposes, and mining props. Lodge pole pine is always associated with yellow pine.

Yellow pine is not found in dense forests like the timber nearer the coast, but grows in patches, necessitating its manufacture at present with small mills, but eventually larger plants will follow.

Within a few years the lumber interests of Eastern Oregon will become of great importance.

WALLA WALLA AWAKE.

The beautiful Valley of Waters, Walla Walla, was well named by its original Indian inhabitants. It is a rich region, judiciously provided with running streams, and has wonderful wheat-fields.

The city of Walla Walla is a very pretty place, filled with homes and trees and gardens, but it has always been of slow growth. People have been satisfied to plod along and accept what happened to come in their way.

But now Walla Walla's business men have wakened up. They realize that their city might just as well have had twice its present population and business, and that every new family that settles in the surrounding region means more business for the town.

So the business men are raising a fund of \$2500 to thoroughly advertise the Walla Walla country and attract a fair share of the army of homeseekers now coming from the east.

Homes are to be had in the Walla Walla country, but those who go there may expect to pay a good price for what they get. Low-priced lands are a thing of the past there, for the country has been settled a long while, and values have climbed and will still climb higher.

To the homeseeker who has plenty of money to buy, Walla Walla is the place to go. But the man of moderate means should come to Morrow county, where land values have not yet commenced to climb, and where, returns considered, the best low-priced lands on earth may still be found.

BUSINESS BILKS.

A few papers in the northwest are publishing two long advertisements sent out by a London type foundry. An eastern commercial agency whose business it is to expose advertising bills, says the concern is a fraud.

If any readers of the Gazette are ever bilked by eastern concerns that advertise in it, and will inform this office, such frauds will be exposed and other people will be warned against being bilked.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

Masonic Hall, Saturday, March 2, 1901.

Whereas, it has pleased the Divine Ruler of the Universe to call from this life our esteemed brother Wm. Penland;

Resolved, that in his death Heppner Lodge, No. 69, F. & A. M., has suffered the loss of one of its most highly respected members and the community one of its best citizens;

Resolved, that this lodge extends its profound sympathy to his bereaved relatives during the sad hours of their affliction;

Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the windows of the lodge and be printed in the copy papers and a copy be sent to the wife of the deceased brother.

Geo. Coopers, T. W. Burgess, F. O. Bross, Committee.

LINGERING LETTERS.

Postmaster Young will receive letters addressed as follows:

- Alison, Mrs. J. L.
Lynchell, H. F.
Tay, Thomas
Forman, Lena
Hess, J. M.
Howard, Mrs. M.
Moore, F. P.
Tillman, C.

NEW ROAD LAW.

The new road law is now in effect. It gives the county courts to levy a road tax of not more than 10 mills on the dollar, based on the previous year's assessment. The fund thus created is to be expended under the direction of a county roadmaster, who has supervision of the road supervisors.

Upon petition of 12 free holders of any road district approved by the roadmaster, for the improvement of any road, the county court shall consider the petition, and, if approved, shall call for sealed bids for the performance of the work and furnishing of the material needed, and let the contract to the best bidder, provided, however, that the court may reject any and all bids. The court is also authorized to purchase rock crushers out of the road fund. The tax provided for in this act is in lieu of taxes heretofore made collectible under other acts.

LUCKY SPAIN.

The Spanish government has done two mighty good things in the past two years:

1st. In getting rid of Cuba, and 2d. In selling for twenty millions of dollars the Philippine Islands, to which at the time of selling she had not even a shadow of title.

By reason of these good things the young men of Spain, instead of being drafted into Spanish armies and sent off to fight and die in Cuba and the Philippines, now reside at home engaged in useful industries, and Spanish bonds, which before were almost worthless, have now become of some value.

THE AWFUL IT.

Elizabeth Stuart Phelps said: "War! What is war? Who forgets? Not he who has carried dripping sword or smoking musket, nor he who starred at Andersonville or writhed at Gettysburg. Not she who has ever picked lint, or rolled bandages, or searched the lists of killed—wounded—missing at home. Not she who creeps away on Sunday afternoons to lay a flower on the grave by whose gaping mouth she hung, heart-broken, a quarter of a century ago. Those of us who have lived a war remember."

RECENT ARRIVALS AT PALACE HOTEL.

- D. W. Bowman, Echo
M. S. Conzaga, "
J. H. Barker, "
C. P. Johnson, John Day
J. I. French, Gardano
S. Chas. Willow Oak
N. Swanson, Douglas
N. P. Benson, "
H. H. Cozier, Gordon
Geo. M. Holt, Olex
J. A. Adams, Hardman
Geo. Perry, Lone BK

PLEASANT PARTY.

On Saturday evening the young people of Heppner gave a very pleasant dancing party at Garrison's hall in honor of Messrs. J. E. Giger and Frank Spaulding, who have been visiting for several months with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Giger.

After the dance the young people repaired to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Giger where they were entertained with songs by Miss Ayers. Dainty refreshments were served, and the evening was enjoyed to the utmost.

Messrs. Giger and Spaulding left on Monday morning for their homes in Eastern Kansas. The young men made many friends during their stay here and take with them their best wishes.

WOOL.

The Heppner wool market continues stagnant. Chas. Roberts, representing Kauband Bros., was here Monday, but not to buy. He would take on consignment, but no growers seemed to want to consign. Mr. Roberts thinks there will not be much movement until after the new clip comes on.

In Eastern there is no improvement, and wool has sold at lower prices than since the downward movement began. A lot of territory wools went at 35¢ per lb.; territories have been crowded on the market, and so sagged.

In London the situation seems steady and unchanged.

\$100 REWARD.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address, F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., 884 Broadway, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

AMERICAN PLAN ONLY.

The Palace Hotel, of Heppner, is one of the home institutions that Eastern Oregon may well be proud of. It fills the bill as a first-class house, and it employs only competent white help. It is conducted strictly on the American plan, and its commodious well-furnished rooms and beautiful tables give satisfaction to all the patrons.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Slocum's Sarsaparilla!

MASONIC.

Heppner Chapter No. 26, R. A. M., is now holding a special convocation, and has initiated the following candidates: H. S. Thompson, Claude Sloan, Echor J. H. Parker, M. DeClawke, Dr. House, E. W. Rhea, Heppner, W. H. Bowman, Grant Co.; C. B. McAllister, Geo. McLaughlin, C. O. Portland, Arlington; H. W. Frazier, Geo. Schott, J. M. Cameron, E. M. Bowen, Dr. S. H. Luna, Condon; visitors from Gordon, J. H. Downing, Chas. White, D. S. Brown, Herbert Halstead.

There will be a banquet at the opera house Friday evening, for Royal Arch Masons and their wives, and there will be an orchestra with Vawter Crawford as musical director.

FAKE HAIR PREPARATIONS.

Do Hair No Good, But Often Cause It to Fall Out. Many hair preparations are "fake" because they are merely scaly irritants. They often cause a dandruff, making the hair brittle, and, finally, lifeless. Dandruff is the cause of all trouble with hair. It is a germ disease. The germ makes cuticle scales as it digs to the roots of the hair, where it destroys the hair's vitality, causing the hair to fall out. To cure dandruff, the germ must be killed. "Destroy the cause, you remove the effect." Newbro's Heppner is the only hair preparation that kills the dandruff germ, thereby leaving the hair to grow luxuriantly.

WHEAT, WOOL AND STOCK.

Portland, March 16. Wheat market is stagnant. W. W. B. S. 88.

Wool—Valley, 14¢ per lb. for coarse, 15¢ for best; Eastern Oregon, 16¢ to 17¢; mohair, 22¢ per pound. Sheepskins—Shearings, 15¢ to 20¢; short wool, 25¢ to 35¢; medium wool, 30¢ to 40¢; long wool, 40¢ to 45¢.

San Francisco, March 5—Wool—Spring—Nevada, 11¢ to 12¢ per pound; Eastern Oregon, 10¢ to 11¢; Valley Oregon, 14¢ to 15¢. Fall—mountain lambs, 9¢ to 10¢; plains, 6¢ to 7¢; Humboldt and Mendocino, 10¢ to 11¢.

Chicago, Mar. 5—Cattle—Receipts 4,500; choice steers steady; others slow; steers \$5.00 to \$6.00; poor to medium, \$3.00 to \$4.00; stockers and feeders, slow. \$2.75 to \$4.00; cows, \$2.75 to \$4.00; heifers, \$2.75 to \$4.00; canners, \$2.25 to \$3.00; fat, \$2.00 to \$2.50; calves, \$4.00 to \$5.00; Texas fat steers, 4¢ to 5¢; Texas grass steers, \$3.00 to \$4.00.

Sheep—Receipts, 11,000; strong; lambs strong to 10¢ higher. Good to choice wethers, \$4.00 to \$4.50; fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.00; Western sheep, \$4.00 to \$4.50; Texas sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.00; native lambs, \$4.00 to \$4.50; Western lambs \$4.00 to \$4.50.

If you take this paper and The Weekly Oregonian you won't have to beg your news.

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Law Briefs: The paper and press work on Law Briefs involves such small expense that the Heppner Gazette office will print them at 50 cents a page and guarantee good work.

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WINCHESTER HUNTERS REPEATING SHOT GUN. Winchester Repeating Arms Co., New Haven, Conn.

Simond's Cross Cut Saws Sewing Machines Sanitary Stills Boss Washers Hose and Sprinklers Lawn Mowers At Ed. R. Bishop's.

Prescriptions Our Specialty. All the Popular Patent Medicines. Stylish Stationery. Drugs and Herbs pure and fresh. Paints, Oils and Glass. A Well-Selected Stock of Jewelry. Kodaks and Supplies. Conser & Warren Drug Co.

Slocum's Sarsaparilla! Will do it promptly and thoroughly. Slocum Drug Co., Main Street, Heppner.

Gordon Hats, Packard's Shoes, Kantwearout Clothing.

These are a few of our recent arrivals. The "Gordon" Hat is known and requires no mention from us other than that this Spring's line is beyond exception the largest and best stock of hats in Heppner.

Nobby, Swell, Up-To-Date Headgear. Our long experience in handling "Gordon" Hats convinces us that for good hard wear and honest service the "Gordon" has no peer. See new Spring styles in south window.

Never Forget An Old Friend. Remember what comfort and satisfaction you experienced when your feet were encased in a pair of

PACKARD'S SHOES FOOT FORM SHAPE. They are much cheaper now than they need to be. You can get them now for from \$3.00 to \$5.00. Try a "Packard" again. See north window.

"KANT WEAR OUT" This popular brand applies to boys' clothing. The new Spring stuff is partly in—enough of them to show you what nobly suits we propose to dress your boys in. We are going to have goods this Spring for little men that will do them good.

LOOK OUT FOR NEW SPRING LINE OF DRY GOODS COMING.

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